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SUBJ: PORT DETENTION SURCHARGE: LAGOS/APAPA, NIGERIA

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B. LAGOS 7338, 8 AUG 74

C. STATE 193419, 4 SEP 74

1. REF (C)'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON APAPA PORT CONDITIONS IS ALMOST EXACT DUPLICATE OF REQUEST MADE REF. (A), AND WE HAVE NOT MUCH TO ADD TO REF. (B) WHICH WAS OUR RESPONSE.

2. PORT CONDITIONS OVER PAST SIX WEEKS HAVE REINFORCED OUR JUDGMENT THAT HEAVY PORT CONGESTION OF JUNE-JULY WAS TEMPORARY PHENOMENON. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF PERIODS OF HEAVY SEPTEMBER RAIN, DELAY TIME FOR SHIPS WAITING TO DOCK HAS HELD STEADY AT ROUGHLY THREE DAYS. THIS IS AVERAGE FIGURE REFLECTING VARIATIONS FROM 1-2 DAYS UP TO 4-5 DAYS.

3. ABOVE WAITING PERIOD APPLIES ONLY TO VESSELS WITH SUBSTANTIAL CARGE TO OFFLOAD. VESSELS PICKING UP CARGO FOR EXPORT NORMALLY BERTH IMMEDIATELY; AND VESSELS WITH LIGHT CARGE TO OFFLOAD (LESS THAN 100-150 TONS) ARE GENERALLY ABLE TO LAY ANCHOR WITHOUT DELAY AT FLOATING BUOYS AND OFFLOAD BY LIGHTER.

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4. EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE REITERATE EARLIER JUDGMENT THAT HEAVY PORT CONGESTION OF JUNE-JULY WAS CAUSED BY COMBINATION OF EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES (DOCKWORKERS STRIKE AND UNUSUALLY HEAVY, PROLONGED SEASONAL RAINS), AND CANNOT YET BE REGARDED AS CHRONIC. PORT CONDITIONS AND WAITING TIME HAVE NOW RETURNED TO "NORMAL" (FOR APAPA), AND SHOULD REMAIN SO FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

5. WE CAN ADD, FYI, THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF AMERICAN AFRICAN FREIGHT CONFERENCE - ELDEER DEMPSTER - CLAIMS TO HAVE OFFERED RESISTANCE TO CONFERENCE APPLICATION FOR SURCHARGE, LOCAL ED REP STILL CLAIMS TO BELIEVE STRONGLY SURCHARGE WOULD BE PREMATURE AT THIS TIME. END FYI.
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